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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

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Serial No.: 09/069,703

Filing Date: April 29, 1998

For: PHARMACEUTICAL CARRIER  
DEVICE SUITABLE FOR DELIVERY  
OF PHARMACEUTICAL  
COMPOUNDS TO MUCOSAL  
SURFACES

Examiner: Edward J. Webman

Group Art Unit: 1617

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated 13 October 1999 for which a response was due on 12 November 1999 and for which a three-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from 12 November 1999 to 12 February 2000.

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-18 and 33). Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application to non-elected Group II (claims 19-32) during the pendency of this application.

Response to Election of Species

Having elected Group I, applicants make the following species elections.

- Poly Lyc*
- a) With respect to claim 3, applicants elect hydroxyethyl cellulose as the film forming polymer and polyacrylic acid as the bioadhesive polymer.
  - b) With respect to claim 4, applicants elect hydroxyethyl cellulose.
  - c) With respect to claims 10 and 13, applicants elect ethyl cellulose.
- NON ADH SICK*  
*EPAD, 411, 117*  
*Cumponent*

Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 27, 2000

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